

52nd

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MARYLAND STATE BOARD
OF
MOTION PICTURE CENSORS



FISCAL YEAR

1968

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AUGUST 31, 1968

THE HONORABLE SPIRO T. AGNEW
GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND

Dear Governor:

Pursuant to Section 9, Article 66A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I present herewith the Fifty-second Annual Report of the Maryland State Board of Motion Picture Censors for the fiscal year July 1, 1967 through June 30, 1968.

Respectfully submitted, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph K. Pokorny".

Joseph K. Pokorny
Chairman

WORK OF THE BOARD, FISCAL YEAR 1968

During the Fiscal Year, the Board of Motion Picture Censors reviewed 618 original films and processed 5527 duplicate prints. Four films were modified in part and twelve were rejected in toto. Listed below are the twelve films rejected by the Board and the subsequent action taken.

"The Raw Ones" was rejected August 1, 1967 and withdrawn by the distributor on the same day. The film was resubmitted and approved on October 6, 1967, following a Supreme Court decision finding mere nudity not to be obscene.

"Sex Is . . . the Game People Play" rejected on August 16, 1967, was withdrawn on August 21, 1967.

"Cool It Baby" was rejected August 28, 1967 and withdrawn the same day.

"Come Play With Me" was rejected September 13, 1967 and withdrawn September 19, 1967.

"Love Rebellion" rejected on October 8, 1967 was withdrawn November 8, 1967.

"Free Love Confidential" was rejected October 20, 1967 and withdrawn on November 16, 1967.

"Marked for Love" was rejected on October 20, 1967. The trial was held before Judge Cullen of the Circuit Court of Baltimore City and the Board's action was upheld on April 4, 1968.

"Brigitta" was rejected November 27, 1967 and withdrawn December 12, 1967. The film was resubmitted on January 15, 1968 and again rejected. Court action was filed and is still pending.

"The Lustful Turk" rejected February 2, 1968 was withdrawn on April 30, 1968.

"Miniskirt Love" was rejected on April 11, 1968. It was tried before the Circuit Court of Baltimore City, Judge Cullen presiding. The court action was decided in favor of the Board and the film was withdrawn, June 11, 1968.

"She Mob" rejected on May 17, 1968 was withdrawn the same day.

"Finders Keepers, Losers Weepers" was rejected on May 27, 1968 and withdrawn on May 31, 1968.

VIOLATIONS OF THE CENSORSHIP STATUTE

On June 14, 1968 Ronald L. Freedman and William E. Hewitt, both officers of the Baltimore Film Society and operators of the Rex Theater, were charged with six violations of the Maryland Statute governing Censorship of Motion Pictures. The trial was held before Judge Silber of the Northern District Court and postponed to July 12, 1968.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF MOTION PICTURE CENSORS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1968

License Fees (original films only)\$ 12,007.50

TOTAL ANNUAL RECEIPTS FOR FIFTY-TWO YEAR PERIOD

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Receipts in Excess</u>
1916 - 1968	\$2,454,916.00	\$2,045,640.66	\$409,275.34
Budget appropriation July 1, 1967 through June 30, 1968			\$ 82,044.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 46,683.08
Technical and Special Fees	10,893.42
Communication	987.38
Travel	3,511.85
Motor Vehicle Operation & Maintenance	452.09
Contractual Services	2,794.28
Materials and Supplies	949.08
Fixed Charges	134.00

Total Disbursements	\$66,405.18
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Amount unexpended appropriations as of June 30, 1968 \$ 15,638.84

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CLASSIFICATION OF FILMS
JULY 1, 1967—JUNE 30, 1968

1967	Originals	Duplicates
July	43	472
August	40	408
September	52	627
October	53	550
November	46	413
December	48	438
1968		
January	63	493
February	58	450
March	50	429
April	40	352
May	50	421
June	75	474
TOTALS	618	5,527

SUMMARY OF REPORT, FISCAL 1968

Films, Original	618	
Films, Duplicate	5,527	
Films Approved, Original	602	
Films Approved, Duplicate	5,527	
Films Deleted, Original	4	
Films Rejected, Original	12	
TOTALS	6,145	6,145